

A photograph of a council meeting in progress. Several people are seated around a large conference table, some looking at laptops and others towards the front of the room. The room has flags and a sign that says "PROGRESS" on the wall.

# Highlights from the Council Chamber

## Special Council re Phase 2 of the Public Realm Project and Waterfront Parking and Boat Launch Access – July 2, 2020

Below is a snapshot of what Council approved at its meeting held on Thursday, July 2, 2020. Please note: The wording below does not represent the exact wording of the motion and is meant as highlights.

- The following temporary downtown road closures was approved on Friday and/or Saturday evenings from July 10 to September 5, 2020 on Mississaga Street East between Front Street and Andrew Street and on Peter Street South between Mississaga Street East and Colborne Street East. The road closures must adhere to the following conditions:
  - the cross streets will remain open, except Mississaga Street and Peter Street South as noted above, and
  - a six metre right-of-way fire route, down the centre of the closed streets, be maintained at all times to comply with fire and safety regulations, and
  - access to fire hydrants and fire department connections (sprinkler and/or standpipe) must be maintained, and
  - the barriers be removed on the Friday evening and replaced on the Saturday afternoon, and
  - the whole intersections remain clear to allow for turning of emergency vehicles.

\$30,000 was authorized and appropriated from the Social Assistance and Economic Recovery COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund for signage and marketing to promote the road closure, for animation of the street during road closures, for sanitizations stations and for the retention of Downtown Orillia Management Board staff to open and close the street during street closures.

- Council supported the short-term waterfront parking/boat launch strategy as set out in Option 2 of the report, as amended, to include Monday, September 7, 2020 (Labour Day) in the prescribed timeframes and have staff contemplate designated parking lots for non-residents.
- An evaluation of paid parking and resident/non-resident parking and boat launch access will be included in the scope of the Parking and Traffic Demand Management Study.

The full agenda for the July 2, 2020 meeting, which includes the full detailed reports, is available on the City's website at [orillia.ca](http://orillia.ca).